2005-2006 CONSOLIDATED GRANTS PROGRAM CALFED WATERSHED PROGRAM PRIORITIES

Implementation Priorities (Years 6-9): From CALFED Watershed Program Plan)

Develop specific criteria to direct a significant portion of funds towards watershed assessment, planning and monitoring, while leveraging other funds for implementation, consistent with the following:

Priorities will be pursued to the degree that they contribute to the goals of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and the Watershed Program objectives.

- Broaden participation in watershed partnerships to improve community capacity to manage watersheds and achieve desired conditions.
- Encourage more communities to become involved in watershed management and assist with achieving goals of the Bay-Delta Program.
- Advance the application of science among watershed partnerships through education, and improved tools and information.
- Foster and support strategies to ensure long-term sustainability of watershed activities.
- Maintain and enhance the communication network among the watershed stakeholders to ensure continued information exchange and collaboration.
- Integrate Watershed Program implementation with the <u>other CALFED program elements</u> with emphasis on Water Use Efficiency, Ecosystem Restoration, and Drinking Water Quality to ensure that the benefits of local stewardship are more fully realized and each program's effectiveness is enhanced.
- Align activities of agencies, the CALFED Watershed Program and other entities to achieve mutual objectives and to enhance the ability of the implementing and cooperating agencies to manage the Watershed Program.